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In re Application of :
Scott O. Seydel, et al. :
Application No. 09/549,647 :
Filed: April 14, 2000 :
Attorney Docket No. SYC28C (032785.00046) :

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed May 2, 2002, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed October 22, 2001, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on January 23, 2002.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Accordingly, since the \$460 extension of time submitted with the petition on May 2, 2002 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account no. 50-2079.

The above-identified application is being revived solely for purposes of continuity with a continued prosecution application (CPA) filed on May 2, 2002.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Retta Williams at (703) 306-5594 or in my absence, Latrice Bond at (703) 308-6911.

The application file is being forwarded to the Technology Center 1700, Art Unit 1751 for further processing.

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